

"A FAMILY AFFAIR."

We begin to-day the publication of "A FAMILY AFFAIR," the latest story by the celebrated "Hugh Conway," author of "Called Back," "Dark Days," &c. It is now running in MacMillan's London Magazine, and will not be published in book form in England or America for some months to come. Hence we are able to offer it to our readers about three months in advance of its publication in book form. The text will be handsomely illustrated with outline engravings.

This is unquestionably Hugh Conway's greatest story. His two previous novels, "Called Back" and "Dark Days," have been the most popular stories ever printed, with the exception only of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." No novel written by Dickens attained so large a sale in the same length of time as either of these two stories by Hugh Conway. The new story, "A Family Affair," though only a little more than half completed as a serial, has made a profound sensation in England. The right to print it in newspaper form alone has been sold to a small syndicate of newspapers in England for ten thousand pounds. Subscriptions should be made to the FINEST TRADER at once, so as to secure the whole of this wonderful story in unbroken succession of parts.

The New Orleans Exposition.

One of the most complete and interesting exhibits at the exposition is that of the Smithsonian Institute. A special feature is a large collection of Indian and Eskimau weapons, clothing, utensils and games. The natural history exhibit is very full, consisting of thousands of mounted specimens, ranging from the buffalo and whale to the smallest insects.

The practical predominates in this exhibit and special attention is paid to the display of raw materials in connection with articles manufactured from them.

The textile exhibit is large, embracing all varieties, from grass and bark cloth to the finest silks.

Furs and leather are in great variety, many curious kinds of the latter being shown, among them a pair of boots made from the skin of a human being. This article, tanned, is of a yellow color and to the eye closely resembles pig-skin.

Economic geology is represented by a large number of specimens and numerous other branches of the arts and sciences are fully illustrated.

The Patent Office has an interesting set of engravings illustrating progress in invention, each plate showing ancient and modern processes with the various steps between.

Thirty-six cases are filled with models, over two thousand in number.

The Bureau of Ethnology exhibits a number of models of Indian mounds, pueblos and cave cities, together with a collection of Zuni goods and numerous other articles relating to the more ancient of the aborigines.

Hospital tents and ambulances, sections of hospitals, and hospital cars and ships, with a grizzly array of surgical instruments and appliances, bones, casts and illustrations in the department of field surgery are shown by the U. S. Medical Department.

The Department of Agriculture deserves credit for its large and instructive display, special features of which are the very full exhibit of woods, with manufactures therefrom, the valuable collection of fungi and injurious insects, with enlarged engravings for its fruit exhibit, consisting of more than seven hundred carefully colored wax models of fruit, with an equal number of colored illustrations of grasses, grains and textiles and its exhibit relative to the sorghum industry.

The Post Office Department shows a large number of "condemned" postal employees, consisting of illegible and incomplete addresses which have been correctly made out by the clerks at the Dead Letter office and elsewhere. Some of them from men high in legislative and official station betray an astonishing amount of ignorance and carelessness on the part of the writer.

A letter containing a sum of money, directed to "294 Chippewa, Bet. 1-2," found its way safely from Dallas, Tex., to its destination in New Orleans.

One from Germany bears only the following inscription set to music:

"To the Brooklyn Brieftrager,
There is a young man in Brooklyn,
Far away o'er the sea. B.
O. B. Bob, we call him.
Oh! Find him out for me.
Herr Brieftrager, find him out for me.
St. Monk's Ave.,
Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. A."

Herr Brieftrager did his duty and Bob rejoiced in the receipt of his letter.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has some cases of its production from which we learn that a \$50,000 bond is the most desirable work of art issued by the bureau, while as legal tender, we have \$10,000 gold certificates, with \$1,000 bank notes, greenbacks and silver certificates as small change.

The Gallery of the Government building contains three important features. One is the colored exhibit made entirely by negroes. The display, which is very large, consists to a great extent of "fancy work," although there is much that is practical. Some very creditable machinery is shown and the whole exhibit, though in many points crude and somewhat inferior, gives evidence of an artistic sense and often of a creativeness and originality that prove that the colored race is not only making persevering efforts, but is in a high degree

successful in the attempt to reach the higher civilization of the white man. Many southerners declared the exhibit a revelation to them, as giving evidence of capabilities which they had not believed.

One side of the gallery is occupied by the Women's Departments of the various states. To attempt to describe the exhibit with anything like completeness would be useless and to praise or extol it would be "To gild refined gold, to paint the lily." Woman's own domain, of course, that of artistic work with needle and pencil and brush, claim the greater part of the exhibit, and the thousands of artistic and beautiful objects shown here, attest fully her refined and artistic skill.

Hundreds of volumes show what she has done in the way of literature, and many an invention, scattered here and there show that some of her sisters are eminently practical.

The remainder of the gallery is taken up by the Educational Exhibit. This consists mostly of exhibits made by three or four schools in a state, apparently without state aid or encouragement. In some cases it is the state which makes the display and in these cases the exhibit is, of course, larger and more representative.

Most of the exhibits consist of collections of written work and examination papers, and, without spending a great deal of time, it is impossible for the visitor to determine anything in regard to the quality. The largest and most varied exhibits are made by Minnesota, Iowa, Tennessee, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Louisiana.

A large amount of space is occupied by France in a most complete and creditable exposition of French methods of instruction and the means employed therein. France is the only foreign nation except Japan, that makes an educational exhibit of any importance, and the government has devoted its energies chiefly to this.

There is shown a system of education here that is eminently practical and common sense, that is calculated to teach the pupils not only to know, but to think and to do—to create. Graphic methods are largely followed and special attention is paid to manual training, a thing in which most American schools are sadly deficient. Every pupil in the public schools of France must now go through a thorough course of manual training.

Since so large a portion of life's work is dependent for its success on the skillfulness of the hand and that the advancement of the world has not been made by those in whom

"The genius is a thing apart,
A pillared hermit of the brain,
Hoarding with uncommunicable art
Its intellectual gain,"

but by those who, understanding the relations between mind and matter, have known how to execute what the brain has conceived, it seems that the child should be instructed in this particular part of life when the hand is even more susceptible to mechanical teachings than the brain is to intellectual ones.

The metaphysician and philosopher have wrought great benefits to the world, but we need more practical men; men like Watt and Stephenson and Morse. The world is afflicted with many a mediocre lawyer, doctor and preacher who under a different course of training would have developed into a first rate mechanic, inventor or business man.

America does not need more education so much as more practical education. Something, indeed, is being done in this line in many of our schools, ranging all the way from Kindergarten to College. Tulane University of New Orleans has a mechanical course the student of which comes to the exposition for an hour each day and all day Saturday, and in a well appointed shop, under competent instructors, learns practical mechanics and the elements of mechanical engineering.

To properly estimate the value of the Exposition which has just closed would be a task of no little magnitude. To both North and South it has shown that the enmity which was supposed to exist between the parts of our country was enmity only in name and lived only in the speech of the politician and the sensational dithyrambs of the bloody shirt organs. To both it has brought new business openings. The south particularly will be stimulated into a more vigorous business activity by contact with the keener and more active business mind of the north. Trade with foreign nations will doubtless receive a new impulse, and no observing and receptive mind, whether from North or South or from what country soever, could fail to profit by the lessons learned at this greatest of expositions.

It is greatly to be hoped that the effort to continue the exposition another year will meet with success and that state and government will lend it that support and aid it needs and so justly deserves.

OBSERVER.

From Ophir.

TROY GROVE, Ill., 6-11-85.
Poor stand—corn.
Growing fast—corn and small grain.
Enjoying a good trade—our merchants.
The village is full of railroaders.
Joe Lewis is giving C. Krauss's store a coat of paint.

The leading question with our young people: "Where are you going the 4th?"
Luke Doyle, Dimmick's county legislator, was in Ottawa last week.

Harvey Short, in the storm last Sunday evening, dropped his pocket-book when he made a run for shelter. The book blew open (a wallet) and the wind scattered the money to the winds. We understand that Harvey was fortunate and recovered all or nearly all of it.

Charlie Zorn, of Streator, is here working at carpenter work on his brother, Fred Zorn's new house.

The wind last Sunday evening caused great damage to orchards and grain in this section. Corn appeared in mourning the next morning as if it had been worsted.

Mrs. Dr. Houtze, of Lincoln, Neb., is the guest of Wm. Wenner and family this week.

Miss Emma Myers, who has been attending Mount Carroll Seminary for some time past, is now engaged in teaching near that place.

"Chas." McLaughlin and Chas. Zorn are pushing Fred Zorn's house rapidly toward completion.

Miss Annie Stephenson, one of our popular village school-ma'ams, is teaching in West Brooklyn this summer.

Mr. Sanders and wife, of La Salle, were the guests of E. Dimmick and family last Sunday.

Jas. Wallace and Ed. Small, two good looking and marriageable young men of Waltham, were eyeing the scenery of this vicinity last Sunday.

Mrs. Aiken, nee Miss Sophia Gatiss, of Ottawa, was the guest of her brother, Jos. Gatiss, of Dimmick last week.

H. T. Gilbert was the favorite here in the recent judicial election. Judge Blanchard stood second in the race.

Steve Stephenson returned home from Danville, Ind., last Saturday, where he has been attending a business college.

Miss Maggie Deener returned home from Dixon, Ill., last Friday. Miss Maggie is attending the Dixon Normal, and will return in a few days.

The Sunday school will observe "Children's Day," next Sunday, June 14th. It will pay you to attend.

John Shut, of Reddick, Ill., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shut, first of the week.

Dr. Wetherly, of Campus, Ill., spent first of the week here, the guest of his uncle, Dr. Everette.

Harvey Short, formerly one of our boys, but of late of Dixon, spent the latter part of last and first of this week visiting his parents and friends in the village. Harvey is engaged in the musical instrument business in Dixon and spends much of his time in the country canvassing. He is a good salesman.

Miss Effie Dimmick is expected home from Mt. Carroll latter part of this week. Miss D. has given special attention to music in her work at the Mt. Carroll Seminary, and, owing to her great proficiency, had a very prominent part to perform in the musical part of the commencement exercises.

We were surprised to learn from the De-Press that our genial friend Will Wenner is about to be "tied for life to a Wisconsin maiden," and then go to "Green county and edit a newspaper." Will is a lively correspondent, and as for presiding over a family of 17, Will would rule with dignity.

The storm Tuesday of last week was very destructive in Homer. Richard Porter's, Charlie Smith's and Mrs. Newell's barns were blown down and lumber carried around like so much straw. Henry Ettinger's building, known as the "old harness shop," had the roof on west end of building torn off. Chimney blown off John Koen's blacksmith shop. John thought the day of judgment was at hand when some of the timbers from Porter's barn came crashing in the shop. Baptist church is minus chimneys. W. P. Nixon's buildings partially unroofed. Squire Gerlach's fences "walked" the one on south side on to the porch, and the west fence "raided" his vineyard. The porch was blown off Mrs. Simpson's house, now occupied by Frank Kurtz. The storm was the severest that has ever visited this section. M. A. R.

Resolutions of Respect.

At an adjourned meeting of the La Salle county bar, held in the circuit room on Tuesday, the committee appointed for that purpose reported the following resolutions upon the death of Judge McRoberts, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Honorable Josiah McRoberts, one of the Judges of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, has been suddenly removed from our midst by death, therefore, be it

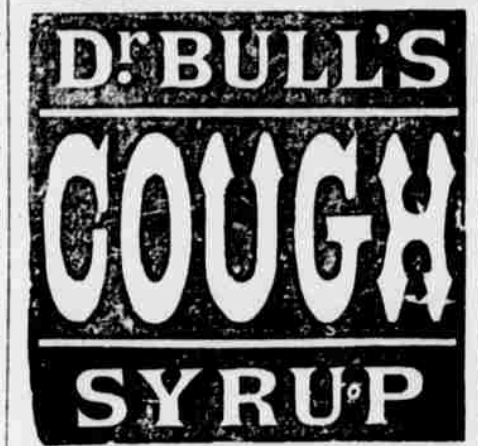
Resolved, First: That by the death of the said Josiah McRoberts, the people of this Judicial Circuit have lost an honest, faithful and upright Judge, one, who by continuous service for the period of nineteen years on the Circuit Bench, has shown himself to be industrious, able and impartial, and by said long and continuous service, had so endeared himself to this people that at the late Judicial election, the result of which could scarcely have been known to the deceased, he was elected by a large and complimentary vote to serve in such capacity for the further period of six years; that during the time the deceased was upon the Circuit Bench he was industrious in the despatch of the business of the court, fair and impartial in his decisions, discriminating towards none, and while securing to all accused of crime a fair and impartial trial, was still never unmindful of the interests of the people.

Resolved, Second: That in the death of the Honorable Josiah McRoberts, the other Judges of the circuit have lost an able, learned and distinguished associate, who, by his long practice at the bar, and his extensive experience on the bench, was well worthy of their respect and esteem, that the Bar of this Judicial Circuit has lost an upright, able and distinguished member of the profession; an agreeable and genial companion, and a kind-hearted friend, who by his extensive literary acquirements, integrity of character, and gentlemanly deportment endeared himself to all; and while in the discharge of his official duties was always courteous to the members of the bar, treating old and young with equal impartiality.

Resolved, Third: That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Circuit Court of this county and to the Appellate and Supreme Courts of this district and division with a request that the same be spread upon the records thereof, as a just and lasting tribute to the memory of the deceased, and that an engrossed copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the departed.

"Still harping on my daughter."—"Our alligator looms up to-day again."—Times.

On Sunday last, while trying to mount a vicious Mustang, Henry Lockie, of Peru, was badly hurt on the head and neck; and a fatal result is feared.



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